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ACTION MEMORANDUM

s/s

JAN 27 1971

To: The Secretary

Through: The Under Secretary

From: EUR - Martin J. Hillenbrand

L - John R. Stevenson

Prevention of Anti-Soviet Incidents

There is attached a Memorandum to the President which describes the broad range of measures the Department is, and will be, taking to respond to the problems in our relations with the Soviet Union arising out of the situation of Soviet Jewry and the anti-Soviet violence it has engendered in this country.

Our action program (outlined at pages 1-3) comprises both law enforcement as well as public affairs measures, reflecting our conviction that coercive measures alone will not be ultimately successful in preventing anti-Soviet violence and harassment. Briefly, our legal and protective measures include:

-- efforts with local authorities to resolve local impediments to adequate police protection and effective prosecution;

-- actions under existing federal laws;

-- efforts to develop a legislative package for submission to the 92nd Congress designed to improve and expand federal protection.

Public affairs and diplomatic measures include:

-- actions relating to the American Jewish community;

-- assistance from the Israeli Government; and

-- actions regarding Soviet Jewry.

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While this action program is basically the work of the Department, it also reflects a number of actions by Justice, which are duly noted.

Two elements of this program would enlarge upon our recent activities in this area: asking the Israeli Government to utilize its contacts in the American Jewish community further to alert that community to the dangers presented by activities of the Jewish Defense League; and delivering an oral statement to the Soviets on the relevance to US-Soviet relations of the plight of Soviet Jewry.

Recommendation:

That you sign the Memorandum to the President, to bring to his attention the actions being taken.

Attachment:

Memorandum to the President.

Concurrences (substance): *HO*

O - Mr. Macomber
NEA - Mr. Sisco
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